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SUBJ: GOC SUGGESTS TRADE TALKS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ARA/ASST SEC ROGERS

REF: BOGOTA 4902

1. I AM DELIGHTED WITH RAMIREZ OCAMPO'S SUGGESTION. WE SHOULD QUICKLY ORGANIZE CONSULTATIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF THE TRADE ACT TO COLOMBIA, AND ON THE BROADER TRADE ITEMS YOU MENTIONED, AS WELL. PERHAPS, ALL FISHLOW AND OTHERS CAN TOUCH DOWN IN BOGOTA THIS MONTH OR EARLY JULY. FOR SURELY WE WANT TO SEEM, AS WELL AS BE, RESPONSIVE.

2. I AM NOT ENTIRELY SURE, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL WANT TO STAMP THE EFFORT WITH THE IMPRESSIVE LABEL OF A COMMISSION QUITE YET OR TO LAY IT DOWN AS A GIVEN THAT THESE FIRST MEETINGS FORESHADOW ANYTHING VERY DEFINITE ON, AS YOU PUT IT, QUOTE, WHATEVER OTHER ITEMS COMMEND THESE THEMSELVES TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE. TRADE IS ONE THING; OTHER ITEMS ANOTHER. FOR THE MOMENT, I HAVE TO BE PERSUADED THAT WE ARE NOT QUITE WELL-SERVED WITH THE CONVENTIONAL DIPLOMATIC APPARATUS ON THE NON-TRADE MATTERS, AND THAT WE NEED A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH THEM.

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3. AND, IN ANY EVENT, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF VENEZUELA, THE

NEW BILATERAL MECHANISMS WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT ARE
LIMITED TO THE NEW ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES.

4. THIS IS PRELIMINARY, HOWEVER. LET ME HAVE YOUR COMMENTS,
AND I WILL ORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT'S BEST EFFORTS TO BE
RESPONSIVE AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO WASHINGTON.
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